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SUBJECT: GILLIGAN SPEECH AT UNDP: NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE

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1. EMBOFF DESCRIBED GOVERNOR GILLIGAN'S UPCOMING SPEECH ALONG LINES OF REFTEL TO MUNIR AKRAM, MFA DIRECTOR (UN). HE SAID THE POINTS MENTIONED WERE OF INTEREST TO THE GOP, BUT DID NOT OTHERWISE COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SPEECH.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, HE GAVE A ROUNDUP THE DEPARTMENT MAY FIND USEFUL ON HOW THE GOP LOOKS AT THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN THE AFTERMATH OF CIEC. HE QJESCRIBED THE RESULTS OF THE CIEC MINISTERIAL MEETING AS A "LAST-MINUTE PAPERING OVER" OF DIFFERENCES WHICH REMAINED SUBSTANTIAL.

3. AKRAM SAID THAT PAKISTAN WOULD BE CONCENTRATING ON THE THREE ISSUES OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO PAKISTAN: DEBT, RESOURCE TRANSFER, AND TRADE ACCESS.
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ON DEBT, GOP EXPERTS WERE TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT THE POSITIONS EXPRESSED ON THE ISSUE TO SEE IF THERE WERE SOME PROPOSAL FOR "HELPING COUNTRIES IN A DESPERATE SITUATION" WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CREDITOR COUNTRIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. HE THOUGHT THE GOP MIGHT TRY TO MAKE FURTHER PROPOSALS AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE TDB IN SEPTEMBER.

4. ON RESOURCE TRANSFERS, EMBOFF SAID THAT THE US STATEMENTS AND THOSE EXPECTED TO BE MADE BY GOVERNOR GILLIGAN WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE KIND OF THING PAKISTAN WOULD WELCOME. AKRAM SAID THAT OF COURSE ANY INDICATION OF INCREASED AID LEVELS WAS WELCOME, BUT THAT THE GOP HOPED FOR INCREASINGLY SPECIFIC INDICATIONS OF HOW LARGE AN INCREASE WAS IN STORE. HE SAID THAT HT HOPED THERE WOULD BE FURTHER DETAILS AND "A BETTER ATMOSPHERE" AT THE RESUMED UNGA SESSION IN SEPTEMBER.

5. ON TRADE ISSUES, AKRAM GAVE LITTLE INDICATION OF HOW THE GOP PLANNED TO PROCEED OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT IT WAS MOST UNHAPPY AT THE OUTCOME OF THE TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT PAKISTAN DID NOT PLAN TO SEEK A LEADING ROLE IN THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE COMMON FUND. AS A NET IMPORTER OF MOST OF THE COMMODITIES ON THE LIST, PAKISTAN WAS CHIEFLY INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSED "SECOND WINDOW" OF THE FUND, AND ITS PRIMARY AIM IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT ANY COMMON FUND WHICH MIGHT BE SET UP "NOT HURT PAKISTAN."

6. AKRAM CONFIRMED WHAT WE HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN ASSUMING, NAMELY THAT THE GOP HAS PUT ITS THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT PROPOSAL MORE OR LESS ON ICE UNTIL THE POLITICAL SITUATION CLARIFIED.
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